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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Roessler, Ralph E., 1887-1974
Title	Ralph Roessler papers
Date	1913-1975
Extent	3.1 Cubic feet 8 manuscript boxes, 1 medium oversize box
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Mississinewa, Salamonie, and Huntington Reservoirs were authorized under the Flood Control Act of 1958. The Louisville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers designed and built the dams and created the reservoirs to reduce flood stages in the upper Wabash River Basin.

Construction on the Mississinewa reservoir began in April 1962, and it became operational in October 1967. The dedication for the reservoir was conducted on June 14, 1969. The Salamonie Reservoir was completed and dedicated on April 30, 1966. The Huntington Reservoir was completed in 1968 and was renamed the J. Edward Roush Lake to honor the local resident and U.S. Congressman.

Sources:

"J. Edward Roush Lake." U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville district. Accessed August 24, 2015. <http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Recreation/Lakes/JEdwardRoushLake.aspx>.

"Mississinewa Lake." U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville district. Accessed August 24, 2015. <http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Recreation/Lakes/MississinewaLake.aspx>.

"Salamonie Lake." U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville district. Accessed August 24, 2015. <http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Recreation/Lakes/SalamonieLake.aspx>.

Biographical Note

Ralph Roessler was born May 23, 1887 in Canton, Ohio to Henry and Caroline Roessler. He married Zenna Abbott on September 10, 1913 and they had 2 sons, Ralph Jr. and William. Mr. Roessler was past owner of the Roessler-Kirk Jewelry Store in Marion, Indiana and a charter member of the Marion Kiwanis Club. He was a major force behind the planning and development of the Mississinewa Reservoir. He was 86 years old when he died on February 2, 1974.

Source:

"Business, Civic Leader Roessler Dies." *The Marion Chronicle*, February 3, 1974, 1.

Ancestry.com. "Ralph E. Roessler" *1900 United States Federal Census*. Accessed August 15, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Ancestry.com. "Ralph E. Roessler" *Washington, Marriage Records, 1865-2004*. Accessed August 24, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes reports, maps, photographs and correspondence from Ralph Roessler in Indiana ranging from 1913 to 1975, regarding the planning and development of flood control projects for the upper Wabash River Basin. Ralph Roessler's correspondence on behalf of the Wabash River Valley Association, his personal correspondence, papers, and awards are also included.

Arrangement

Series 1: Wabash River Valley Basin flood control, 1913-1975

Subseries 1.1: Reports, 1965-1969

Subseries 1.2: Indiana publications, 1950-1975

Subseries 1.3: Publications, 1960-1972

Subseries 1.4: U.S. government publications, 1961-1972

Subseries 1.5: Wabash River Association correspondence, 1958-1971

Subseries 1.6: Pictures, 1913-1969

Subseries 1.7: Oversized materials, 1915-1967

Series 2: Personal papers, 1939-1971

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Kiwanis International. Indiana District.
- United States. Army. Corps of Engineers. Louisville District.
- Wabash River Association.

Geographic Name(s)

- Grant County (Ind.)
- Huntington Lake (Ind.)
- Marion (Ind.)
- Mississinewa Lake (Ind.)

- Salamonie Lake (Ind.)
- Wabash River Watershed

Personal Name(s)

- Edwards, M. Jack
- Harness, Forest A. (Forest Arthur), 1895-1974
- Hartke, Vance, 1919-2003
- Roush, J. Edward (John Edward), 1920-2004
- Schricker, Henry F. (Henry Fredrick), 1883-1966
- Welsh, Matthew E. (Matthew Empson), 1912-1995

Subject(s)

- Correspondence
- Flood control--Indiana
- Floods--Indiana
- Maps
- Photographs

Series 1: Wabash River Basin flood control materials, 1913-1975

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Wabash River Basin flood control materials, 1913-1975		
Subseries 1.1: Reports, 1965-1969		
	Box	Folder
Grant County, Indiana Plan Commission reports, 1968-1969 (folder 1 of 3)	1	1
Grant County, Indiana Plan Commission reports, 1968-1969 (folder 2 of 3)	1	2
Grant County, Indiana Plan Commission reports, 1968-1969 (folder 3 of 3)	1	3
Indiana Flood Control and Water Resources Commission reports, 1961-1963	1	4
Indiana soil and water conservation needs inventory report, 1968	1	5
Indiana Stream Pollution Board annual report, 1970	1	6
Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission to U.S. Congress report, 1962	1	7

Subseries 1.2: Indiana publications, 1950-1975

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	Box	Folder
Cooperative Education Service, Purdue University publications, 1958-1969	2	1
U.S. Department of Natural Resources, Indiana Acts documents, 1965-1970	2	2
Grant County, Indiana publications, undated	2	3
Huntington Reservoir groundbreaking documents, 1963-1965	2	4
Huntington Reservoir photographs, 1966-1968	2	5
Indiana maps, 1950-1968	2	6
Miscellaneous Indiana pamphlets, 1964-1975	2	7
Mississinewa Reservoir dedication documents, 1962-1969	2	8
Mississinewa Reservoir project summaries, 1958-1967	2	9
Mississinewa Reservoir photographs, 1966-1967	2	10
Mississinewa Reservoir visitation reports, 1970	2	11

Subseries 1.3: Publications, 1960-1972

Salamonie Reservoir dedication, 1963-1970	2	12
Trees of Indiana publications, 1952-1970	2	13
Wabash, Indiana information book, 1965-1966	2	14

Subseries 1.3: Publications, 1960-1972

	Box	Folder
Miscellaneous environmental publications, 1965-1972	4	1
Miscellaneous water and land resources papers, 1960-1968	4	2
National Association of Conservation Districts newsletter, 1971	4	3
National Waterways Conference publications, 1967-1973	4	4
Ohio Department of Health low flow augmentation report, 1965-1966	4	5
Out-of-state water resource pamphlets, 1960-1964	4	6
Robert Stoops papers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers publications, 1963-1972	4	7
Soil Conservation Service conservation tour papers, 1964-1971	4	8

Subseries 1.4: U.S government publications, 1961-1972

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	Box	Folder
U.S. Geological Survey water resources investigation in Indiana, 1963	5	1
U.S. government agencies publications, 1962-1972	5	2
U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service publications, 1961-1969	5	3
U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, Indiana progress reports, 1970-1972 (folder 1 of 2)	5	4
U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, Indiana progress reports, 1970-1972 (folder 2 of 2)	5	5
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers water resources development in Indiana reports, 1963-1971	5	6
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville and Ohio River districts correspondence, 1963-1970	5	7
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville district, Wabash Valley River Basin comprehensive study - volume 1, 1967	5	8
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville district, Wabash Valley River Basin comprehensive study - volume 2, 1967	6	1
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville district, Wabash Valley River Basin comprehensive study - volume 3, 1967	6	2

Subseries 1.5: Wabash River Association correspondence, 1958-1971

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville district, Wabash Valley River Basin comprehensive study - volume 4, 1967	6	3
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville district, Wabash Valley River Basin comprehensive study - volume 5, 1967	6	4
Subseries 1.5: Wabash River Association correspondence, 1958-1971		
	Box	Folder
Marion Flood Control and Water Resources Commission and Wabash Valley Association, Grant County chapter correspondence, 1962-1964 (folder 1 of 3)	7	1
Marion Flood Control and Water Resources Commission and Wabash Valley Association, Grant County chapter correspondence, 1962-1964 (folder 2 of 3)	7	2
Marion Flood Control and Water Resources Commission and Wabash Valley Association, Grant County chapter correspondence, 1962-1964 (folder 3 of 3)	7	3
Wabash Valley Association, Mississenewa low flow project correspondence, 1965 (folder 1 of 3)	7	4
Wabash Valley Association, Mississenewa low flow project correspondence, 1965 (folder 2 of 3)	7	5
Wabash Valley Association, Mississenewa low flow project correspondence, 1965 (folder 3 of 3)	7	6

Subseries 1.6: Photographs, 1913-1969

Wabash Valley Association miscellaneous papers, 1958-1971	7	7
Dr. Harold Snyder, Wabash Valley Association papers, 1965-1969	7	8
Wabash River Basin pamphlet, undated	7	9
"The Wabash Valley...a Sleeping Paradise" by Henry J. Wallace, 1967	7	10

Subseries 1.6: Photographs, 1913-1969

	Box	Folder
Ralph Roessler photographs collection, 1913-1969 (folder 1 of 4)	8	1
Ralph Roessler photographs collection, 1913-1969 (folder 2 of 4)	8	2
Ralph Roessler photographs collection, 1913-1969 (folder 3 of 4)	8	3
Ralph Roessler photographs collection, 1913-1969 (folder 4 of 4)	8	4

Subseries 1.7: Oversized materials, circa 1915-1967

	Box	Object
Marion, Indiana local protection project plan, 1967	9	1
Heart's Delight Farm, Chazy, NY, "Agriculture" book, circa 1915	9	2

Series 2: Personal papers, 1939-1971

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	Box	Folder
"In the Beginning" book number 1, May 31, 1939; Ralph Roessler papers, 1939-1969	3	1
Ralph Roessler correspondence and papers, 1956-1970 (folder 1 of 2)	3	2
Ralph Roessler correspondence and papers, 1956-1970 (folder 2 of 2)	3	3
Ralph Roessler personal papers and correspondence, 1961-1971 (folder 1 of 2)	3	4
Ralph Roessler personal papers and correspondence, 1961-1971 (folder 2 of 2)	3	5
Ralph Roessler miscellaneous papers, 1963-1965	3	6
Ralph Roessler community service plaque, undated	3	7
Ralph Roessler Kiwanis Club of Indiana plaque, 1965	3	8
Ralph Roessler, Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) plaque, 1966-1970	3	9
Ralph Roessler awards and certificates, 1944-1964	9	1